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Share your story to help build a fightback!

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Councilmember Sawant's office will be hosting a public hearing at Seattle City Hall so that anyone who has experienced discrimination in Washington state based on caste or their Muslim identity can share their stories. We want to bring attention to these experiences, and use this hearing to further build a movement that can fight to enforce our hard-won protections in the courts.



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It's no coincidence that right-wing organizations like the Hindu American Foundation and the Coalition of Hindus of North America strenuously opposed the Seattle ban on caste discrimination. They are aligned with the far-right Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in India, which uses both caste-based and Islamophobic attacks in an attempt to divide and rule working and oppressed people. Because of that, our victory in Seattle was an offensive victory against the right wing everywhere. Muslim activists were some of the fiercest fighters for Seattle's caste discrimination ban, recognizing that in the face of right-wing attacks, the only way to win meaningful change for the lives of oppressed people, and all working people, is by joining together in united movements to fight oppression in all its forms.

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What is your experience with discrimination related to your caste or Muslim identity? (Please share as many details as you would like to, without concern about length.)

Your answer

Are you willing to speak about your experience at the public hearing being organized by Councilmember Kshama Sawant? *

☐ Yes

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